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Sir:

Applicants wish to bring to the attention of the Patent Office the following

references:

U.S. Patent No. Re. 35479 to Witherbee et al., 3/1997
U.S. Patent No. 1,893,481 to Adams, 1/1933
U.S. Patent No. 2,944,642 to Evans, 7/1960
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U.S. Patent No. 4,408,928 to Steinke, Mark H., 10/1983
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U.S. Patent No. 4,950,099 to Roellin, Ulrich, 8/1990
U.S. Patent No. 5,259,165 to Koyama, Masayoshi, 11/1993
U.S. Patent No. 6,290,426 to van Gijssel et al., 9/2001

AFCON Flyer 962 SQUARE WASHER (1 page)

This washer is prior art to the present invention and has been employed in the prior art in pairs with a threaded shaft extending therebetween, held by nuts where the washers are placed above and below a cord space in the upper beam of a steel web joist such as disclosed in the recent application. Hangers have been coupled with the shaft

extending between the washers. This coupling is typically below the lower washer and is held in place by the nut threaded onto the shaft.

PTO Form 1449 is submitted herewith. A copy of the AFCON flyer is enclosed herewith. Copies of the other references are not enclosed as this application was filed after June 30, 2003.

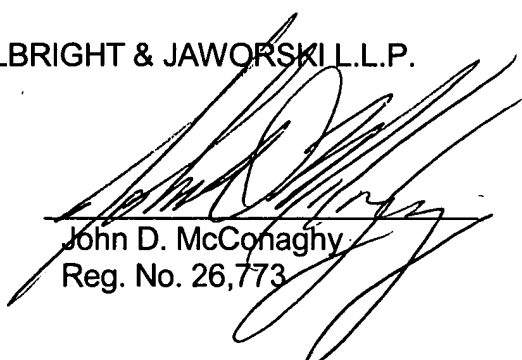
All applicable presumptions and reservations afforded by 35 U.S.C., 37 CFR and the PTO pertinent to an information disclosure statement are incorporated herein as if set forth in full.

Respectfully submitted,

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